GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:219
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Modernisation of Madarsas
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is implementing Madarsa Modernisation Programme in the country and if so, the details thereof;
(b) the number of Madarsas so far modernised, under modernization programme and the number of those to be modernised during the next three years, State/UT-wise along with the funds sanctioned/spent by the Government for the purpose during the said period;
(c) whether the said programme is going as per schedule and if so, the details thereof;
(d) if not, the steps taken/being taken by the Government along with the details of funds provided for imparting quality education to students of Madarsas and speedy implementation of the said schemes; and
(e) whether the Government has initiated any action to open English medium Madarsas and Makhtabs under the scheme for providing quality education in Madarsas and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a) to (e) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 219 BY SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI REGARDING "MODERNISATION OF MADARSAS"

(a): The Government of India had been implementing the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Financial Assistance for Modernization of Madrasa Education since 1994. This scheme was merged in 2002-03 with the Area Intensive Programme for educationally backward minorities and was then known as Area Intensive and Madrasa Modernization programme. The two schemes were demerged during the 11th Plan and the scheme for Madrasa Modernization is being implemented as Scheme for Providing Quality Education in Madrasas (SPQEM) since the year 2009-10. Under the scheme financial assistance is provided to encourage traditional institutions like Madrasas and Maktqabs to introduce modern education in subjects such as science, mathematics, social studies, Hindi and English in their curriculum through support for teachers, books, teaching learning materials and computer labs.
(b) to (d): 70103 Madrasas have been covered under SPQEM Scheme since its inception from 2009-10 to 2015-16. The SPQEM is a demand driven Scheme and depends on the viable proposals from the State Governments. A Statement showing Madrasas covered State-wise is at Annexure. The details of amount released under the scheme are as follows:
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Year Amount released (Rs. in lakhs)
2009-10 4623.54
2010-11 10147.00
2011-12 13953.4
2012-13 18249.26
2013-14 18273.38
2014-15 10789.00
2015-16 29450.74
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A number of steps have been taken during 2015-16 to spread awareness about the guidelines of SPQEM amongst all the States. A National Workshop was held on 09.10.2015 to disseminate information amongst the stakeholders. The Department also held two meetings with the State Governments on 22.12.2015 and 29.02.2016 to sensitize the States on how to send viable proposals as per norms so as to ensure that maximum benefits are availed of. Due to the concerted efforts made in this direction, the Department was able to incur expenditure

of Rs. 29410.28 lakhs during 2015-16, which is the highest since the inception of the Scheme of SPQEM.
(e): There is no provision of opening of Madrasas under SPQEM. However, funds are provided under the scheme for appointment of English teachers.